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Crocker's formerly the Crown, Maida Vale.

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## BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned below please ring the branch contact. Events for August of which we have been notified are as follows. Branches please send details of events to Andy Pirson.

EAST LONDON & CITY: Tue 7 (8.00) Branch meeting, LORD PALMERSTON, 254 Forest Road, E17 – Tue 14 (8.00) Social, ROYAL NAVY, 53 Salmon, E14 – Sat 18 (7.30 start) Clapton Crawl, FOUNTAIN, PRIORY TAVERN, WELSH HARP, CHESHAM ARMS – Tue 21 (8.00) Committee Meeting, NORFOLK ARMS, 49 Cecilia Road, E8 – Sat 25 (8.00) Social, MERCERS ARMS, 34 Belgrave Road, E1.

**RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW:** Thu 9 (8.30) Committee Meeting, ABERCORN ARMS, Church Road, Teddington – Mon 20 (8.30) Branch Meeting, CASTLE, South Street, Isleworth.

KINGSTON & LEATHERHEAD: Sun 5 (12 noon) Lunchtime Drink, GAZEBO, Kings Passage, Ingstone – Thu 9 (8.30) Branch Meeting, BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Queens Road, Hersham (upstairs room) – Sun 2 Sept (12 noon) Lunchtime Drink, TOBY JUG, Hook Rise South, Tolworth.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Thu 9 (8.00) Branch Meeting, QUEEN VICTORIA, Tooting Grove, Tooting – Wed 22 Pub Crawl, PIED BULL (8.00), BEDFORD PARK TAVERN (8.30), MANOR ARMS (8.45), WHITE LION (9.00), LEIGHAM ARMS (9.30 onwards).

WEST LONDON: Thu 16 (8.00) Branch Meeting, DEVONSHIRE ARMS, Devonshire Street, W1—Wed 29 (8.30), Pub of the Month Social, BELL & CROWN, 13 Thames Street, Strand on the Green, Chiswick, W4.

WEST MIDDLESEX: Sat 4 Coach trip to Thame. Phone branch contacts for details – Tue 7 Games Evening, NORTHCOTE ARMS, Northcote Avenue, Southall – Wed 15 (8.30), Branch Meeting, CHEQUERS, Ealing Road, Alperton – Sat 25 Maidenhead & Windsor Crawl. Phone branch contact for details – Tue 28 Open Committee Meeting and Social, SHIP, Joel Street, Eastcote.

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# Editorial

You have this month been asked to pay 15p for The Drinker. This will have come as a surprise only to those few of you who missed the nationwide price rise announcements carried in the Auchtermuchty Echo and other reputable publications too numerous to mention (and to invent!)

Seriously though, our apologies for the lack of notice of the increase and a few words of explanation. The Drinker commenced publication in March 1979; a 12-page edition costing 10p. Despite increasing the page size we held that price until the 24 page March 1982 edition which cost 12p. We now offer you a 28 page edition which since June 1984 has been better type-set, better printed and on better quality paper, costing 15p. (I see. You preferred it with the printing errors!)

The cost of producing The Drinker, mainly type-setting and printing, is covered by sales and advertising revenue in roughly equal measure, and recently by a gradually increasing subsidy from CAMRA London's funds. This situation arises from increases in type-setting and printing costs (paper prices are currently rising at 20% per annum). The increased price will help us to reduce this subsidy and will be matched by a special drive to attract advertising (see below). Advertisers have been paying increased rates since February 1984.

Terry Hewitt, Chairman, L.D. Committee.

(The Editors are on holiday!)



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